

Memorial Tribute To Ravinia Woman's Club First President

A memorial tribute is paid to Mrs. Lawrence Buck, first president of the Ravinia Woman's Club, formerly the Woman's Civic Club of Ravinia. Mrs. Buck recently passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Orrin McCorison in Chappaqua, N. Y. She was born in Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, in the year 1867.

As Lettie Wagner, a young enthusiastic kindergartner, she came to Chicago, away back in the eighties, to join her brother. Later she became a resident of the old Elm St. Settlement, which afterward became the Eli Bates Settlement, where she did secretarial and kindergarten work.

It was there she met the brilliant young artist and architect, Lawrence Buck. Their slogan was to meet all obstacles cheerfully, and obstacles there were in plenty, but the slogan became a working principle in their lives and remained so to the end.

In about 1909 when their only child, Virginia, was a little girl, they moved to Ravinia, and after built their home on Marshman Ave.

It was Mrs. Buck who first conceived the idea of forming a woman's club. The story can best be told by quoting from a paper which she wrote for the club in 1924: "To tell you anything about the beginning of the Woman's Civic Club of Ravinia, it is necessary, first of all, to tell you something of what Ravinia was—way back in 1911. A tiny little village tucked away in the woods—a survival of the Baptist community which had started the town, named streets after Baptist divines, thrived for a time and then dwindled away; a little unpaved village of about thirty families, with about thirty or forty children—a tiny little school house—two teachers.

"The natural beauty of Ravinia had attracted a discriminating group of people who bought property and decided to live here permanently. They wanted the best educational advantages for their children—and realizing that the town would be long in developing the population which would justify the extension of the school building they set their minds to work to see if they could devise some way to work together and improve conditions.

"A little group of sixteen women got together and formed a wom-

an's club and Mrs. Buck was duly elected president. They immediately began to work. Mrs. Buck's paper reads: "A special committee was appointed and instructed to submit preliminary plans and to circulate a petition to the school board for a new school building. We did all this—and after several months work in circulating petitions for the issue of school bonds which called for an election, we succeeded; the bond issue was carried—in spite of the fact that women did not vote in those days! On the morning of the election our last little stunt was to have a printed dodger which was put into every morning paper at the station, three or four of us going very early to catch the early birds. These notices were given to every voter telling him not to forget the election and HOW TO VOTE on the bond issue.

"We were on hand with carriages to take the men to the polling place. There were no automobiles in Ravinia in those muddy days! We were even noticed by the Chicago Tribune. They said our efforts equalled those of the first ward politicians, and that Hinky Dink might get some pointers from us how to carry on an election—and not vote!"

This dauntless group were also busy in many other ways, their greatest achievement being the educational fund which amounted to about a thousand dollars a year for period of three years. This fund was used to augment the salaries of the teachers over and above what they were paid by the school board, and for special studies not in the curriculum.

A club with a background such as this may well be proud of their first president. Letty Buck was a tiny little person with a mighty strength of spirit and her smile will never be forgotten by those whose privilege it was to call her friend.

Hold Funeral Today For Highwood Child

Pasqua Loursso, two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Loursso, 53 Highwood ave., died Monday evening at the Highland Park hospital following a brief illness. Funeral services will be held this morning at 9:30 o'clock at St. James Church, Highwood. Burial will be in All Saints cemetery.

Lake Forest Has New Police Radio Tower Installed

The radio tower at the Lake Forest police station soared 125 feet in the air last Thursday.

Thirty policemen, firemen, other city employes and onlookers grabbed the huge orange and white steel framework at 5:30 a.m. today and two hours later with the help of block and tackle and a winch the towering structure took its place in the sun.

Roland Rolph, police radio engineer, said that the new radio tower, which was erected to give increased efficiency and better reception to the two-way system would not be in operation for two weeks or more.

The tower itself is 100 feet high. Stretching 25-feet higher than the supporting structure is the thread-like antenna. A red warning light, required by government regulation, is being fastened in place today.

Elaborate precautions have been taken that the radio tower will not be dashed to earth by a gale. A five foot "bed" of comfort serves as an anchor and ground. And eight guide wires keep the framework erect and steady.

R. L. Sandwick To Address Deerfield Woman's Club Oct. 26

Mr. Richard L. Sandwick, principal of the Highland Park high school, will present a lecture, "Teaching the Modes of Civilization in the Schools of France," before the Deerfield Woman's club at their meeting Tuesday, October 26, at 2:30 p.m. in the Deerfield Grammar school. Mr. Sandwick recently returned from a summer tour of several European countries and he studied the school systems of France at that time.

Mrs. C. W. Boyle, chairman of the Home and Education department of the Deerfield Woman's club, is in charge of this program.

Card Party Oct. 28

The Mothers Club of the Y.W.C.A. and the Women of the Moose are giving an entertainment and card party Thursday evening, Oct. 28th, at 8 o'clock in the Y.W.C.A. on Laurel ave. The public is invited to attend. There will be refreshments and prizes.



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